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Elevators in Natural Science have long history of problems

By Forrest Berkshire
News Editor

When Carrie Jaeger, a junior biology major, got on the elevator in the Natural Science Building on Oct. 9 and hit the button for the fifth floor, she had no idea the ride she was in for.

The elevator made it to the fourth floor, where another student got off, but instead of continuing up, it went down, fast.

"It just fell," Jaeger said. The elevator fell two floors back down to the second. Then the emergency brakes cut in, saving Jaeger from a four-story plummet.

Jaeger was unhurt, and pushed the alarm button.

DPS arrived shortly thereafter and instructed her to contact Physical Plant. No official report was made by DPS, and Jaeger said she didn't bother with reporting it to anyone else.

Robert Bolce, assistant director

of physical plant and the man in charge of elevator maintenance, said he had received no report of the elevator's fall as of Monday, Oct. 12, three days after it happened.

There was also no mention of it in the files of DPS.

Bolce admitted there have been several problems with those elevators.

According to Physical Plant records, there have actually been 36 reported separate incidents with the elevators in Natural Science since Dec. 1, 1997 that involved calling the companies that service them for repairs.

These range from the trivial to the more severe.

Eleven times in the past ten months they have had to be serviced because of getting stuck. Four of those times involved students on the elevators while they were stuck.

The doors have failed to open three times, and failed to close

twice.

They have also been reported of not stopping evenly at floors, or just passing them up all together.

This semester the elevators are under the care of Millar Elevators, which took over in September after Abell Elevators, the original installers, warranty expired.

According to the safety inspections, issued on August 17, 1997, the elevators passed all the safety requirements and certificates of operation were issued.

"The proper inspections have been done and we feel [the elevators] are safe," Bolce said.

Though Bolce feels the elevators are safe, some of the students on campus don't share his views.

"I always walk," Rhonda Reis, a junior elementary education major said. "I used to do it just for the exercise, but the other day I heard about them getting stuck, and now I know why I walk."

Jason Elliott, a freshman business management major, said

"I've never had a problem with them, but the other day a guy was late to one of my classes because he got stuck on one."

Bolce said that the same type of elevators were installed in Nunn Hall, and they have not experienced any of the problems with those like they have in Natural Science.

As of last September the contract for maintaining the elevators was taken over by Millar elevators from Abell elevators, the original installers, and Bolce said he's looking for improvement.

"If anyone sees an elevator down, they need to contact Work Control," Bolce said. That is the only way they can find out about problems, and fix them, Bolce said.

The number to Work Control is 572-5660.

The elevators are tested every five years to check their emergency brakes, Bolce said. They are loaded to capacity, 2500 lbs.

and dropped. He said that after only four to five feet the brakes should engage.

The three elevators in Natural Science and in Nunn Hall were modernized three years ago as part of the Council on Higher Education's Life Safety Pool, and were paid for by state bonds.

The cost of the renovation was \$458,000, the lowest bid by \$31,015 out of three elevator companies.



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner
A student steps off one of the elevators in the Natural Science building.

Pit Preparation



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner
Graphic design majors Jacob Drabik and Peggy Hassett, both in Ceramics I, prepare their pieces with henna, a natural dye, before putting them in the pit fire. The pit firing took place on Oct. 9 behind the ceramics building.

Students speak out about safety

By Margie Wise
Production Manager

On Oct. 12 the Northern Kentucky University Student Government Association held a Safety Walk to discuss the safety of students and staff in the residential village. There were several administration members present at the walk, including President James Votruba, Dean of Students Bill Lamb and Associate Director of Public Safety Leonel Calderon.

"The importance is to educate the administrative department on what student concerns are," said Greg Mecher, president of SGA.

The administration needs to see the safety problems firsthand Votruba told the students.

"I can't see the university through your eyes," he said. "This walk gives me and the other administration a chance to experience the concerns students have and not just hear them."

One of the safety issues SGA addressed was the crumbling cement steps in Norse Hall.

"I feel the concrete steps are always a problem," said D.J. Carter, an English major from Ashland, Ky.

Other issues brought up were the lack of lights along the sidewalk by the ceramics building and the accessibility of the first-floor bathroom windows in Commonwealth, Kentucky and Cardinal Halls.

A solution discussed for the windows was replacing them with Harper windows, which

are designed to open out instead of up.

Mecher expressed concern about the perimeter lighting around Woodcrest apartments. Also, the question of cutting back the woods behind the apartments was discussed. Mecher said the woods were a contributing factor in the recent attacks on residential students.

Some concerns about the traffic speed and lighting on Kenton Drive were brought by Votruba. He said the road would become the main artery for NKU after officials break ground for the new science building in nine months. Access to Nunn drive will be cut off when the construction begins. Votruba said this will force traffic to Kenton Drive. He said more lights and clearer cross walks will help to ease the transition.

"Kenton Drive is going to go through some changes. I'm really glad we're addressing them now," said Elizabeth Spencer, a psychology major from Lexington, Ky.

Chris Boggs, a theater major from New Orleans, La., said he has had problems crossing Kenton Drive.

"I think the crosswalks are still an important issue. Even though the administration has made positive steps toward fixing it, it's still not where it should be," Boggs said. "In my opinion they should really look at putting in walking overpasses."

"Some of the things we talked about tonight are not costly," Votruba said. He said it would be easy to do things like repaint crosswalks, replace steps and cut back the woods.

Results of student government safety walk can be seen immediately at dorms

By Forrest Berkshire
News Editor

In a show of concern about student safety, Northern Kentucky University is currently working on improvements to the residential halls as a direct result of a "Safety Walk" organized by Student Government.

Dr. Mark Stanley, vice president for student recruitment and retention, said the project was started with "a really good turnaround time." He said that by 8 a.m. the day after the safety walk DPS and Physical Plant were on the site and planning the improvements.

One of the major concerns expressed by the group of students that brought these safety issues to the administration's attention is how closely the woods border the sidewalk behind Willow Apartments.

"The brush back in Woodcrest

makes it not as safe as it could be," Greg Mecher, SGA president, said. The logic behind the renovation is to make it so it is not as easy for a potential stalker to hide that close to a major thoroughfare where students routinely walk in low light conditions, he said.

"Northern is the safest campus in Kentucky," Mecher said, "but we still need to improve, even though we are the best."

Mecher also said that one of the two attacks on students last semester occurred in a room that is closest to the wooded area.

"This was identified as a top priority," Michael Baker, assistant vice president of business affairs, said. "The underbrush was so close that someone could literally just reach out and grab somebody."

"The students felt this was a major issue, and we wanted to address their concerns as soon as possible," Baker



Forrest Berkshire/The Northerner
A Roads and Grounds worker takes a break behind Willow appts.

said.

Baker said that Roads and Grounds will remove the underbrush but will try to preserve as many trees as possible.

He also said other ecological issues will be addressed before the project is

completed.

Another issue that was raised is the crosswalks on Kenton Drive that all campus residents must cross to get to class.

Rita Thomas, a resident of the dorms, said early in the week she saw

a worker painting new lines and laughed.

"You couldn't pay me enough to get out there and do that with all those crazy drivers," she said.

Stanley was on the safety walk and witnessed the traffic firsthand.

"I have talked with Leo Calderon [Associate Director of Public Safety] and I have asked DPS to explore the speeding issue on Kenton Drive," Stanley said.

"In the past we have enforced the 20 mph speed limit," Calderon said. He said they have issued several speeding citations in the past.

"We are going to do our best to ensure that drivers are made aware of the speed limit and safety concerns," Calderon said.

"I can't say all [the safety issues] are going to change overnight," Mecher said, "but it has started."

He said that they are concentrating on improvements that can be made

quickly and inexpensively.

But he said they are far from a solution to many concerns, such as the crosswalk. He said he also wants more lighting there for people crossing in the evenings.

"I think something is really going to happen," Mecher said. "I've been on Student Government for five years and this has always been an issue, but the administration is very enthusiastic about these improvements."

Other concerns will take longer to correct, Mecher said.

"Lighting is more expensive," he said. "These are items that must be considered in the long-term master plan."

He said there is talk among the administration to install high powered "highway type" lights near some of the crosswalks. In the meantime they are working on some temporary lighting until all the final arrangements can be made.

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Campus safety law passed

"Changes will significantly improve campus safety"

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 — President Clinton today signed into law a higher education bill containing extensive campus security related provisions.

The new law will expand disclosure of campus crime statistics and require schools to keep a public police log. Also, schools will no longer be able to hide violent criminal behavior in secret campus courts.

Other provisions will suspend aid to students convicted of drug crimes, and create programs to address binge drinking and violence against women on campus.

The requirements, part of a five year reauthorization of federal higher education laws, will apply to all schools, both public and private, that participate in federal student aid programs.

These reforms come after years of charges that colleges were exploiting loopholes in reporting laws to under report campus crimes and protect their images.

The members of Security On Campus, Inc. (<http://www.soconline.org>), a national non-profit watchdog organization, joined with other victims' rights groups, media organizations led by the Society of Professional Journalists (<http://spj.org>), and law enforcement groups to demand that Congress make schools be honest and open about their campus crime.

"These changes will significantly improve campus safety across the country" said S. Daniel Carter the Vice President of SOC. "Students have been deliberately left in the dark and couldn't make informed decisions about how to avoid and prevent campus crime."

"Also left in the dark are the Boards of Trustees and certain administrators. This public information available to trustees, alumni, faculty and parents will force administrators to provide adequate assets to reduce all types of crime, especially stu-

dent-on-student crime," added Carter.

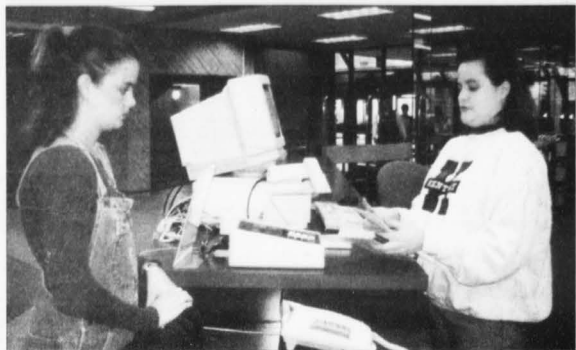
The amendments mark the first major revisions of a reporting law enacted in 1990 to address increasing violence on college campuses.

Howard and Connie Clery, SOC's co-founders, led the effort to pass that law after their daughter Jeanne was murdered at Lehigh University in 1986. The new law is named in memory of Jeanne Clery-Connie.

Clery said the new law is "a living memorial to our beautiful daughter and the thousands of other victims of campus crime. This will save many lives."

"Nearly 50,000 crimes are reported on college campuses annually according to the under-stated U.S. Department of Education statistics."

More information can be found on the SOC web site at <http://www.soconline.org/LEGIS/105/roundup.html>



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner
Secondary English Education major Rita Thomas, a work study in circulation in Steely Library, helps student Amanda Brock.

Students try to balance school and work

By Tom Ramstetter
Staff Reporter

The average student can balance course work and a social life while working 20 hours per week, according to Pam Taylor, assistant dean of students.

"Students who get really good grades and are very organized can work up to 25 hours," Taylor said. "Even though some students work as many as 30 or more hours, we would never recommend it."

Sophomore Phil Zang works 30 hours a week at Franciscan Hospital's Western Hills Campus in Cincinnati to keep up with all his expenses. "The

work cuts into my school work a little," Zang said. "I could be in the studio in Landrum working on a project, look at the clock and realize it's time to go to work. That's really the only time it affects my school work because I have to find another time to finish."

George Zubaty, a history major, is able to work only weekends at Don Pablo's, meeting the recommended hours per week. He feels the problem most students have is trying to live beyond their means.

"Some students work all those hours trying to get the best apartment, the best car and other things that really aren't within their means," Zubaty

said.

Late hours can also be a problem for students. Getting home from work after midnight can make it difficult to study and get enough sleep for the next day of classes. "I work 20-25 hours per week at LaRosa's in Delhi," sophomore Todd Frimming said. "My school work is affected when we are busy and I don't get out of work until midnight or one o'clock in the morning."

Students who work on campus at places such as Delta, McDonald's, Steely Library or in dorms and campus offices are not permitted to work more than 20 hours per week in that job.

Crime at NKU considered "not bad"

By Amanda Huffman
Staff reporter

Crime on Northern Kentucky University's campus is not bad, according to NKU's Department of Public Safety.

There have been very few crimes over the past five years, except for theft.

From 1993 to 1997 over 600 minor thefts have been reported on campus.

The thefts involve items such as parking decals (worth \$48) and belongings out of peoples' cars.

When a decal is stolen, report it to DPS and they will issue a 30 day replacement. If the decal is not found, the person should buy a new one.

The DPS office provides these tips on how to stop crime on campus: Keep doors locked at all times, car and dorm. Know who your neighbors are. Report any strangers in the area, any

annoying phone calls, and anyone asking personal questions about your address or classes.

If a crime does occur, there are 17 "Blue Light Emergency Phones" all over campus. By pushing the red button, the phones are linked directly to the DPS office, and the location is displayed at the dispatch center. A DPS officer will be on the way. These phones should only be used in an emergency or to report a crime.

D.P.S. REPORTS

Officers found a candle left burning in front of a room in the Willow dorms. No one who lived in the room could be contacted. The candle was extinguished.

A student was given a ticket for not stopping at a stop sign at Connector Drive and Campbell Drive. The student did not have proof of insurance. The student has to go to court in Campbell County.

A student called DPS because she was experiencing flu-like symptoms. She requested transportation to the hospital. She was taken to St. Luke East Hospital.

Three students complained of loud noises coming out of a dorm room. The students said it sounded like the people were jumping up and down and were

drinking alcohol. The students in the room were referred to the University for disciplinary action.

Officers responded to a student in Lot A whose car was damaged. Her driver's side tail light was damaged.

A professor called DPS about someone gaining access to her office and using her computer. The person who broke in was not found.

A maintenance worker reported that the front door of headquarters was open. It appeared to have

not been locked properly the night before and had been blown open by the wind.

An officer noticed an expired tag on a vehicle in Lot J. The person was given a warning two months ago about the tags. The person was given a ticket.

Officers responded to the Delta Office alarm going off. It was set off by electrical shop workers who were resetting the timers on the lights. They had the key but did not have the code to turn off the alarm.

Officers responded to an injured student on the intramural field. The student possibly broke his ankle while playing intramural flag football. He refused medical treatment and said he would get it checked on his own.

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Griffith revisited

By Don Kelm

re: Tub Thumping, Beating Dead Horses and Red Herrings

Okay. I finally have succumbed. As a long standing extremist moderate, I stayed away from the hullabaloo resulting from the Grooms piece.

My model during this tempest was the prince in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" who, tired of dealing with the Montagues and the Capulets and their endless carping and sniping, finally said, "A plague on both your houses."

However, Clinton Hewan's latest venture into sensational journalism has forced me into the open.

Clinton Hewan's piece "D.W.Griffith: Response to Removal" afforded me yet another occasion to revel in the usual inflammatory mode and shotgun approach in which he is wont to indulge, i.e., thinly veiled, if at all, name-calling, wrapping oneself in the righteous garb of an assaulted and insulted minority, simplifying issues, dismissing as being racist all views not in sympathy with his, indulging in half truths, sensational statements/accusations, and imperious condescension and scorn.

All of these are approaches guaranteed to render reasonable discourse impossible.

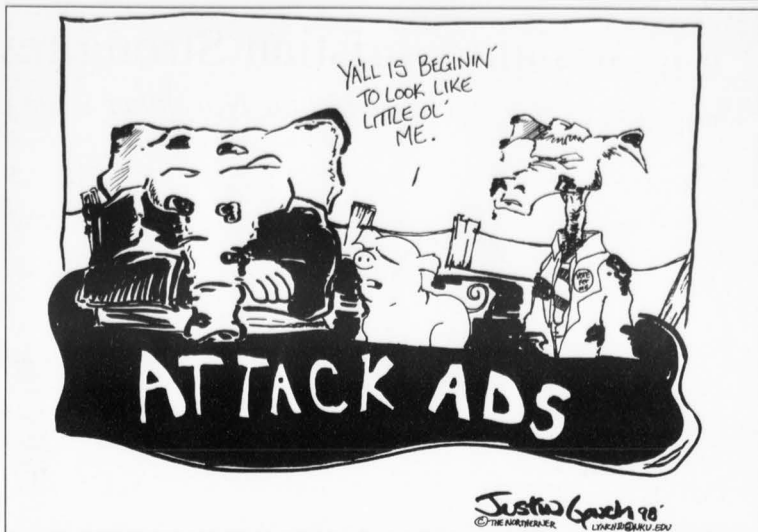
Clinton's position invariably seems to the established extreme, "If you are white, you are racist, i.e., guilty of any and all crimes ever perpetrated and committed against minorities, especially African-Americans, and therefore deserving of any and as much calumny as can be heaped by anyone wishing so to do.

As Buddha, Christ, Lao Tze and any number of social, historical spiritual, and other such Luminaries would maintain, the best answer to Clinton is no answer.

However, being imperfect, human and, yes, a member of the art department vilified by Clinton, I must allow my Germanic heritage to come to the fore in the tradition of Martin Luther, and I would like to wind Clinton up a bit in the public forum.

I ask... "Clinton, why not acknowledge the achievement of the Lane work being brought to campus by a white president?" "Clinton, why not celebrate the victory of having the Grooms piece relocated? Or did you want it powdered and blown away by the wind?" "Clinton, is tolerance only a one way street leading to your opinions and values?" "Clinton, do you simplistically see every gesture and action in the direction of resolving racial tensions and inequities as:

a) minimal and easily dismissed because they do not come accompanied by total change and thunderous mea culpas?
b) your God given right and so unworthy of any recognition or comment?
c) never enough to even begin to address the wrongs of the past?



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c) never enough to even begin to address the wrongs of the past?

"Clinton, why single out the art department in your diatribe? Was the art department alone in arguing to maintain the Grooms where it was?"

"Clinton, I understand that you have been to the art gallery and seen the Tom Shaw show. Why no comment about that show?"

"Clinton, thank you for

actually putting into writing that there might have been—for we cannot be certain absolutely, can we?—whites with "...true moral conviction..." vis-a-vis the slavery issue and the plight of African-Americans in the U.S.A."

"Clinton, are you suggesting that the art department by being "...thunderously silent and blindly deafening..." in its absence from the Lane dedication was staging—or would it be non-staging?—a protest over the Grooms piece?"

"Clinton, you are not saying that people may only protest acceptably under

certain circumstances, are you? Perhaps there should be a protest review board before each protest?" "Goin' down that road, one more time,

"Like a net is for catching fish and a snare is for catching rabbits, words are for catching ideas.

Like the net and the snare, once the words have been used they may be forgotten once you have the idea.

Where can I find a person who knows how to forget about the words so I may have a few words with him?"

Chuang Tzu

Correction:

In the last issue of *The Northerner*, dated October 14, 1998, a letter to the editor entitled "Political Viewpoint, Response to the President's actions," incorrectly stated the author as David M. Bishop.

The true author's name is Matt Berkinbauer.

The Northerner respectfully apologizes for any confusion or inconveniences this error may have caused.

To send a letter to the editor, please send it via e-mail to northernern@nku.edu.

For questions or comments please call 572-5260.

North Poll

What do you think about the decision to remove some of the trees and underbrush near Willow apartments?

Leah Huffine

Cincinnati

Communications

"If it's for safety reasons, then I think it's a good idea, but I don't think they should do it in the morning when everybody is sleeping."



Jeremy Collins

Erlanger

Undeclared

"It's only a bunch of trees."

Tiffanie Bright

Cincinnati

Psychology

"I think it's good because it will be safer for the RA's to do rounds."



Joey Von Hoene

Erlanger

Undeclared

"Who cares?"

Travis Lingrosso

Erlanger

Business Finance

"Whatever is safer for the residents."



Brandon Hamilton

West Liberty

Aviation Administration

"It's not really an issue, but if it is for safety reasons then I guess it's alright."

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NKU student Christian Strong reveals all

Psychology major featured in the November issue of Playgirl

By Kelly Carson
Features Editor

Have you ever dreamed of being featured on the front page of a magazine?

This dream became a reality for Northern Kentucky University student Christian Strong.

Christian Strong, a sophomore psychology major from Lakeside Park, Ky., is featured in this month's issue of *Playgirl* magazine.

Strong is one of six college students from across the nation featured in the yearly Campus Hunks edition of *Playgirl*.

In January of this year, Strong's photographs to *Playgirl*'s "Real Man of the Month" contest. In July, he was selected to appear in a special November issue featuring Campus Hunks.

Strong, along with the five other campus hunks, appears on the front cover of the magazine. Inside a pull-out section of the magazine there are two pages of

Strong's photographs and a short descriptive article describing his background, hobbies, etc.



Margie Wise/The Northern
A fully dressed Christian Strong poses for the camera.

Strong considered himself different from the other models

because he has long hair and tattoos.

"Everyone else was clean-cut, but it was nice because I stood out from the other guys," said Strong.

Strong traveled to Beverly Hills, Ca. in July to pose for the *Playgirl* photo shoot.

"I've never done any modeling before. The whole idea of being naked with 15 people around is weird," Strong explained. "After four hours, though, I was used to it."

The trip lasted five days, but there was not much time for enjoyment according to Strong.

"We woke up at 7 a.m. and didn't get back to the hotel until 8 or 9 p.m.," Strong said.

Since July, Strong said he has been waiting eagerly for this

month's issue of *Playgirl*, but he was somewhat worried.

Strong expected to hear a lot of negative reaction from people about posing for *Playgirl*.

"I was worried because this is such a conservative city we live in," Strong said.

So far, however, Strong has received very positive feedback.

President James Votruba was not aware of Strong's appearance in *Playgirl* until one of his University 101 students mentioned it in class.

"I don't have a strong opinion," Votruba said. "Our students are involved in a wide variety of extracurricular pursuits."

Strong said his parents are very supportive.

"My mom calls every day wanting free t-shirts and hats," Strong added.

Strong's girlfriend, Mindy Swegles a sophomore elementary education major, is also very supportive.

"I think it's great," said Swegles.

"I'm the one who took the pictures we sent into the magazine."

Strong said he is enjoying his time in the spotlight.

"I'm having a blast. A little exposure can't hurt anyone," he said.

During the first week of October, Strong granted interviews to Channel 19 News, the WEBN Dawn Patrol, and a Kansas City radio station.

Strong said he would like to model in the future, but he plans to finish school first. He said he wants to obtain a Ph.D in psychology and eventually consult teenagers.

If Strong does model again, he said he will not change his image.

"A lot of modeling agencies want the clean-cut guy," Strong explained, "but I'm all about being different."

Strong said he did not feel ashamed about posing for *Playgirl*. In fact he said, "I consider it an accomplishment."

Losing Freshmen Fat

By Emily Steffens
Staff Reporter

The diet of college freshmen frequently includes greasy hamburgers, potato chips, pizza and beer. Combined with a lack of exercise, this can cause weight gain commonly known as the "Freshman 15."

Students gain this extra weight because they eat more junk food, drink more beer, and get less exercise than they did in high school, according to Michelle Kay, a nurse at Northern Kentucky University.

Freshman telecommunications and business major Ben Baker agrees that he has gained weight since he started college.

"It's not that the cafeteria food is so good," said Baker. "It's the good beer people that help us put on the extra pounds."

The change in diet and activity level can also have other effects on students, according to Kay.

"Besides gaining weight, students can get sick more often because of lack of nutrition," Kay said.

Eating disorders are also common among college students, especially females. According to Kay, some students with previous eating disorders

come out of remission due to stress of classes, peers and looking good.

Kay recommends students eat a healthier diet that includes more fruits and vegetables and eight to ten eight-ounce glasses of water per day. She also suggests exercise to burn off calories.

The Albright Health Center at NKU offers weight training and counseling rooms as well as fitness programs, such as step aerobics and water aerobics. These are offered to students at no charge.

Freshman pre-nursing major Tina Koob has no desire to use the health center although she agrees that first year college students gain weight.

"If I wanted to work out, I'd go somewhere else," Koob said. "When I'm done with classes I'd rather go home than stay here and work out."

According to Cindy Lacey, aquatic and fitness instructor at the Albright Health Center, to achieve results these fitness programs should become part of a student's daily routine. For information on fitness programs and intramural sports, stop by 104 Albright Health Center or call 572-5197.

Help stamp out breast cancer

By Heather Rabe
Staff Reporter

The fear of breast cancer is in the back of every woman's mind.

We are familiar with the headlines: early detection greatly increases chances of survival; mammograms detect cancer; a low-fat diet can prevent it.

However, what does all this mean? The month of October has been dedicated to educating the public about breast cancer preventive methods and bringing the country together to fight for a cure.

This begins by bringing awareness of prevention to the attention of women of all ages.

Prevention involves early detection through self exams and an annual exam by your physician.

It is also currently suggested that by the age of 40, women should have a mammogram.

Do not hesitate to ask your doctor about any concerns or questions you may have because early detection is the key.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center will have a mobile mammogram

unit on campus Nov. 19. Sign-up for the mobile unit screening will be Nov. 12 in the Albright Health Center at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center booth from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Unfortunately, prevention techniques don't always stop the disease from occurring. The medical field is continually searching for a cure.

However funding is an issue. Organizations nationwide are aiding in the crusade against breast cancer.

For example, Clinique sells a lipstick bag (\$7.50) and Estee Lauder sells a gold lipstick case

(\$10), from both of which a percentage of the proceeds goes to research. Clinique and Estee Lauder products can be found at Lazarus and Dillard's (formerly McAlpin's).

Another avenue of support is to purchase the book, *Art Rage Us* which comes out this month. This is a book of art and writings by over 70 women with breast cancer.

These are just a few ways to show your support. Get involved, and most importantly protect yourself!

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Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 21:

- NKU Concert Band, Carol Dunevant conducting. 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.
- Women's soccer. NKU vs. Miami (Ohio). 4 p.m. soccer field.

Thursday, Oct. 22:

- Students Together Against Racism. 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
- Phi Beta Lambda meeting. 3:15 p.m. UC 303.
- Casino Night. 7-11 p.m. Kentucky Hall.
- "From Mountains to Metropolis. The Appalachian Experience." 10:50 a.m. UC Theatre.
- "National Young Women's Day of Action." 9-11:30 a.m. UC Ballroom.
- "Creating Tomorrow's Learning-Centered Environment-Today." 12:30-2:30 p.m. BEP 325.

Friday, Oct. 23:

- Volleyball Tournament. 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Regents Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 24:

- Volleyball Tournament. 1 p.m. Regents Hall.

Monday, Oct. 26:

- "Les Causeries du Lundi", informal French conversation. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- NKU Anthropology Club meeting. 2 p.m. Landrum 204.
- "Secrets to Starting a Successful Business." 6 p.m. BEP 461. \$15 fee. Call 572-6524 to register.

Tuesday, Oct. 27:

- Survivors Support Group. 3 p.m. UC 232.
- "Deutsche Kaffeestunde", informal German conversation. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- "Our Eating Legacy." Wellness Retreat. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. UC 303.
- Phi Mu Alpha recital, guest artist Richard Crosby, piano. 7:30 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 28:

- "What Your Handwriting Reveals About You." 12:10-1 p.m. UC Faculty/Staff Dining Room.
- AA meeting. 11 a.m.-12 noon and 3-4 p.m. UC 232.
- "Hora de conversacion", informal Spanish conversation. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- Al-Anon meeting. 1-2 p.m. Newman Center.

Thursday, Oct. 29:

- "On The Verge." Opening night. NKU Black Box Theatre.
- NKU Fall Choral Concert. Randy Pennington conducting. 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.



Pure funk is pure fun

By Kelly Carson
Features Editor

By Kelly Sudzina
Managing Editor

Pure Funk
PolyGram Records, Inc.
1998

If you like the songs that have been the background for the last few Burger King commercials, then you should check out "Pure Funk."

"Pure Funk" is a lively

collection of nearly 74 minutes of great 70's and early 80's songs like "Brick House," "Kung Fu Fighting" and "Jungle Boogie." These more than familiar songs kept us groovin' in our seats.

Actually some of the songs have been recently transformed into "new" music. One of these is "Forget Me Not" by Patrice Rushen, which became the theme song from "Men in Black" by Will Smith.

Other songs were theme songs from early 70's movies like "Superfly" and "Shaft." (I mean really, who couldn't like a song

about a guy named after his, um, favorite body part?)

The only thing we were left wanting was "You Dropped A Bomb On Me" by The Gap Band. But this was partially rectified by the inclusion of another song of theirs, "Early In The Morning."

This CD used to only be available through late-night infomercials on cable television, but is now available in stores. (Besides, it's funny just to laugh at the huge hair of the guy on the cover!)

So if you like funk, "Don't Stop The Music."

White Noise pure and simple

By Judy Stewart
Staff Reporter

White Noise
by
Don DeLillo

It has been said that to exaggerate or overstate the truth is the cornerstone of comedy.

Don DeLillo proves this statement valid as he writes White Noise.

Taking simple day-to-day activities of humans, consumerism, and the media, DeLillo adds just the right amount of exaggeration and turns out an extremely funny, sometimes ironic, ultimately thought-provoking, but altogether plausible story of a contemporary 20th century family in Middle America.

The year is set somewhere in the 1980's.

DeLillo portrays Jack Gladney, a professor of Hitler studies for twenty-one years at the College-on-the-Hill where incidentally, he cannot speak a word of German and they all wear black robes.

This is only the beginning of the exaggeration.

Gladney's best friend, Murray Susskind, is also tenured at the college as a Jewish professor interested in teaching Elvis studies.

The rest of the teaching staff is composed of New York "emigres" who DeLillo describes as "smart, thuggish, movie-mad, and trivialized." The department head is Alfonso (Fast Food) Spanopanto, and all his teachers are male, wear ruffled clothes, need haircuts, and cough into their armpits.

The creating of Babette, his fourth wife, lends credence to DeLillo's mismatch of characters as the ample-bodied, intelligent mother of four off-

spring of previous marriages on both sides.

Babette is a steady force in the beginning of the story, but ironically, becomes more and more unstable as the story goes on, leaving Gladney and their children to take turns wondering and worrying about her.

Again with the art of exaggeration, DeLillo creates his crises.

The primary crisis is a huge black chemical cloud from a train derailment that unleashes an airborne toxic substance.

As a result, the family must evacuate their town.

A second crisis is added when, in the process of evacuation, Gladney stops to get gas and is exposed to the deadly chemical.

The appearance of the black cloud, which DeLillo keeps renaming as the severity of its threat progresses, coupled with Gladney's exposure to it sets the reader up for the third, and extremely exaggerated crisis.

Ironically, the only worry Gladney and Babette have in their lives is their fear of death, and who will go first.

Even though Gladney's exposure

won't show up

or kill himself

for another

thirty years, if

he lives that

long, Babette

has resorted to

taking an

invented,

untested, flim-

flam miracle

cure for "fear of dying" and in the

process has an affair with the inventor.

This part goes from the very funny

to a little unbelievable. However...

Underneath all this foolery,

DeLillo says something rather grim,

with almost a touch of melancholy,

about the human condition.

Although he laughs and makes us

laugh at ourselves, he leaves the reader

thinking about this ultimate theme.

The fact is, it is a condition of

being human that no matter what

happens in our lives, no matter what

crises we conquer, we are all going to

die.

In stark contrast to his exaggerated

humor, the way DeLillo expresses his

theme is very sober, almost poetic.

Masterfully put, he writes "How

strange...we have these deep terrible

lingering fears about ourselves and

the people we love. Yet we walk

around, talk to people, eat and

drink...manage to function...How is it

no one sees how deeply afraid we

are...is it something we all hide from

each other, or do we share the same

secret without knowing...wear the

same disguise.

What if death is nothing but

sound?...Electrical noise...You hear it

forever. Sound all around. Uniform,

white?"

Martin impresses crowd at poetry reading

By Stacy Ridgway
Staff Reporter

A standing ovation by Northern Kentucky University students signified the end of a seemingly successful presentation by Dr. Herbert Martin last Friday in Landrum 506.

Student turnout seemed to be fairly high and folding chairs had to be set up, after which people were still standing. Some parents brought their children to see this dramatic interpretation.

Martin was presenting the works of Laurence Dunbar, the first African American poet to gain national prominence. Between his dramatic interpretations, Martin gave information about Dunbar's life and works. Dunbar was born in

Dayton, Ohio and died in 1906. In his 33 years, Dunbar published six volumes of poetry, short stories, novels, essays, songs, plays and an opera. His poems are well regarded, with the most popular being his dialect poems.

Martin appeared to keep the audience's attention from his first words to his final bow. He got a warm introduction which outlined his career and his own love of poetry from Dr. Michele Peers of the Literature and Language department.

Martin gave a brief speech that earned a laugh from the audience and then launched into Dunbar's verse. With his voice ranging from a deep thunder to a piercing screech, the words of poetry cap-

tured his audience.

The first poem, *The Poet and His Song* appeared to hook the audience and Martin never let go of them. The characters in the poetry came to life as Martin portrayed them, from being two separate women talking to each other to acting as a frenzied spiritual preacher praying from his pulpit. It was an impressive show.

The audience laughed loudly after *Accountability* and applauded as each piece came to an end. A clearly popular selection was *A Negro Love Song*, which Martin said was "proof that Dunbar anticipated rap." The song had the audience clapping and laughing. Plenty of people were jamming in their seats as he called out the lines.

When it ended the audience laughed and actually cheered.

Martin himself is a published poet with four books of his own. He is also a professor emeritus and poet in residence at Dayton University who, as peers already, "has retired three times around and is still teaching." Martin takes this show on the road and has performed Dunbar's works at schools, clubs and for an educational video.

After the performance was over, Anita McMullen, a sophomore industrial labor relations major said, "I thought it was inspirational."

Tianna McKinness, a junior psychology major, had a different view to express, saying, "I wish more African-Americans were here. It was educational."

The size of the audience and the sounds of their responses should encourage Dr. Martin to consider appearing here again. It was a positive event.

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Men's soccer split over the weekend

By Elden May
Staff Reporter

In horse racing terms, the Northern Kentucky University men's soccer team is heading down the home stretch.

Despite faltering briefly in the final turn, the Norse still have a shot at the win, place, or show in the Great Lakes Valley Conference race.

After winning six in a row, NKU proceeded to drop three straight before a victory Sunday against St. Joseph (Ind.).

On the weekend of October 10-11, NKU traveled to Lewis University and Wisconsin-Parkside for showdowns with the top teams in the GLVC. The road trip got off to a bad start as Lewis shut out NKU, 2-0. The game was a defensive struggle, as both teams combined for 12 shots on goal. Lewis got on the board first when Chris Doran took a pass from Andrew Weir and scooted a shot past NKU goalie Jimmy Dwertman. The Flyers added the second goal in the 86th minute when Doran struck again. This time, he took a pass from Nick Carr and scored to seal the win.

The loss snapped a six game winning streak for NKU. Lewis also dealt NKU their first conference loss of the season.

Sunday, NKU packed up and headed for Kenosha, Wisconsin for an afternoon date with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Once again, NKU dropped a 2-1 heartbreaker to

the Rangers. NKU outshot Parkside 8-3, but the Rangers were efficient as two of the three shots went for goals.

Parkside scored two goals in less than a minute to stake them to a 2-0 lead. Junior Sam Renck put NKU on the board when he took a pass from freshman Robbie Golsch and put it in the net at the 17:34 mark.

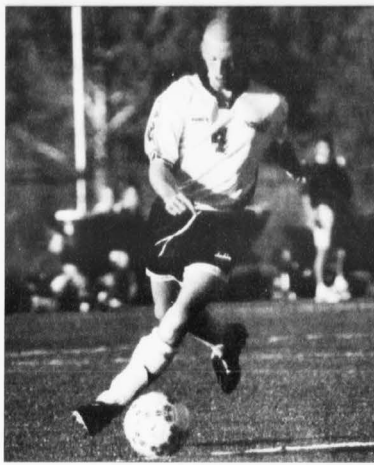
The game was marred by numerous penalties. In all, eight yellow cards were issued.

On Saturday, October 17, NKU returned to the Town and Country Sports Complex for a match with Indianapolis. Led by sophomore forward Ben Fry, the Greyhounds defeated NKU 3-2. Indianapolis scored first when Fry put a shot past Jimmy Dwertman on a breakaway. Fry struck again at the 35:02 mark when he placed a header past Dwertman for a 2-0 lead. Fry got the hat trick when he scored against new NKU goalie Chris Norris at 61:22 to put Indy ahead 3-0.

NKU rallied in the final five minutes to make the game close. Junior defenseman Andrew Hessel scored from 30 yards out to cut the Indianapolis lead to 3-1.

Just over a minute later, freshman defenseman Kevin Crone scored on a penalty kick to pull NKU within one at 3-2. Indianapolis then controlled the clock and held on for the victory. NKU outshot the Greyhounds 19-15.

NKU coach John Toeppen



Jeff McCarty/The Northerner
NKU player Nathan Gindele brings the ball down the Town and Country soccer field.

was not pleased with the performance of Ben Fry.

"It's just a lack of concentration. It's a one man team and we gave him (Fry) three opportunities to score and he did," Toeppen said.

On Sunday, NKU halted their three game skid with a 5-1 thrashing of St. Joseph (IN). NKU dominated from the opening kick as they outshot the

Freshman mid-fielder Mohamed Janah took over in the second half. He scored goals in the 67th and 78th minutes. That, sandwiched with an unassisted goal by Sam Renck, gave NKU the victory going away.

Janah said many factors are contributing to the improved performance.

"We're relaxed, we're stepping up, and we're doing a lot better," he said. "We're more motivated, and some of the changes the coaches have made have really helped the team perform better."

Senior Steve Fries echoed those sentiments.

"We've had our ups and downs this season. We started the season down a little bit, but we have started to put things together," he said.

Last weekend wrapped up NKU's home games for the season. Their next five games are away starting with Wednesday's game at Charleston.

The Norse head into the weekend travelling to Quincy on Saturday, Oct. 24.

They will go on to play against Missouri-St. Louis on Sunday. Game-time is 1:30 p.m. for both days.

NKU improved their record to 7-5 with last Sunday's win against St. Joseph's. They stand at 6-3 in the GLVC.

A GLVC winning record is needed for a bid in the GLVC tournament, which will start after Nov. 1.

Jamie O'Hara

GLVC Player of the year

Northern Kentucky University women's tennis standout Jamie O'Hara has been named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year, the league office announced Wednesday.

O'Hara, a freshman from Paducah, Ky., was unbeaten (9-0) during the regular season against GLVC competition at No. 1 singles. O'Hara then posted two victories during the GLVC Tournament, which NKU won for the first time since 1987. She finished the fall season with a 15-1 record, her only loss being a three-set defeat at the hands of Melissa Dunham-Freer of NCAA Division I Wright State.

"Jamie is the best player in the conference, and this is a great honor for a freshman to receive," said NKU head coach Dave Bezold, who was named GLVC Coach of the Year. "She is an incredible tennis player, and I look for her to challenge for All-America honors 1, the very near future if not this year."

O'Hara, the first women's tennis player in NKU history to win GLVC Player of the Year honors, was also named GLVC Freshman of the Year.

Two other NKU freshmen, Lauren Spears of Louisville, Ky., and Amity Chapman of Ashland, Ky., both earned All-GLVC honors for the Norse. Spears was 9-4 at No. 2 singles this season, while Chapman was 10-3 overall, 10-0 in the GLVC. Prior to this season, NKU had not had an All-GLVC women's tennis player since 1987.

NKU finished the fall season with a 14-3 record.



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Women's soccer team gets even over weekend

By Bruce Reller
Staff Reporter

The NKU women's soccer players didn't win or lose their games last weekend, they got even.

Both Norse ties were against two conference teams: Indianapolis and Saint Joseph's.

On Saturday, NKU and Indianapolis played to a 1-1 tie as Lindsay Smith scored the only NKU goal in the game.

"We weren't going forward enough," Smith said. "We were staying back defensively and we weren't going forward in the box on offense."

Betsy Moore, who led NKU with eight shots on goal, had a different perspective on the game.

"I think we did good today. We need to play harder and put this one behind us. We had a lot of shots today, we just need to put them in," said Moore.

Jeanna Martin was carried off the

field with 20 minutes left in the game after the NKU keeper slammed into her.

"Jeanna will be O.K. She just twisted her ankle," Smith said. Martin returned in the final minutes of the game, where Moore almost capitalized on St. Joseph's goalie.

With one minute left in the game Moore had a breakaway down field when she was met by the Puma's keeper.

"I was going for the ball and she said, 'get off me,' said Moore. "She was a little mad and she hit me in the face."

No penalty was issued for the incident, and 30 seconds later, the game ended.

NKU continued their defensive efforts on Sunday when they played St. Joseph's College to another 1-1 tie.

Moore scored the only NKU goal late in the second half. The game went into overtime, and overtime

went by scoreless.

"We pressured hard and attacked real well," said Moore. "We'll keep playing hard by playing very intense."

Bob Sheehan, the NKU women's soccer coach, said the team played real well. He said they played good defense, attacked well, and played real hard.

"Our goal here is to win," Sheehan said. "We want to continue to be as successful as we possibly can be."

Even though the Norse weren't successful in winning last weekend's games, they came back late in both to even it up with their opponents.

Despite the weekend ties, NKU has found a way to win most of the time.

They went on the road on October 10th, defeating Lewis.

Casey England had two goals, and Moore had a goal and an assist in the 3-0 victory. Joann Loebker and Jeanna Martin also contributed assists in the game.

On October 11th, NKU played at Wisconsin-Parkside. They recorded a 1-0 shutout win with Lindsay Smith scoring the only goal with the assist by Betsy Moore.

England recalls her goals against Lewis as her first for the team.

"My first goal was a deflection from the keeper after Betsy's shot, so I just put it in. Nobody was around me," England said. "The second goal, I volleyed in off a cross from Joann Loebker. They were my first two goals of the season."

The two ties NKU racked up last on Oct. 17 and 18, were their first two of the season.

England believes the recent struggles the Norse have faced are a direct result of playing better teams.

"We're playing a lot better competition lately, with some of the teams being ranked nationally," England said.

The NKU women's soccer team's record after last weekend is 10-2-2, 4-2-2 in GLVC play.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
Jeanna Martin had an assist in NKU's 3-0 defeat against Lewis.

John Toebben has created soccer's "Field of Dreams"

By Elden May
Staff Reporter

In the movie "Field of Dreams," the voice told Kevin Costner, "If you build it, he will come." The soccer programs at Northern Kentucky University may soon take this advice as well.

Both the men's and women's soccer teams have played games this season at the Town and Country Sports and Entertainment Complex in Wilder.

NKU men's soccer coach John Toebben developed the idea for the complex and secured the financing for the project, scheduled for completion next year. The facility currently has an out-



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
John Toebben is laid back on his soccer field in Wilder.

door soccer field, and is scheduled to have indoor fields, an athletic apparel shop, and other entertainment venues.

The outdoor soccer field is highlighted by the state of the

art playing surface. The Astro-Grass surface is the first of its kind in the United States.

"The surface is 100% synthetic and looks and acts like grass," NKU coach John Toebben

said. "It has a sand and rubber backing. They have been using it for years over in Europe."

NKU assistant coach Ryan Schaeffer said there is no comparison between the new facility and the current field NKU uses.

"There are just too many things to mention," Schaeffer said. "There are no bad bounces. It is softer, flatter, and easier on the legs and knees."

Since the surface is synthetic, it stands up much better to the elements. The sand and rubber backing allows for superior drainage. With the synthetic surface, there is also no worry of the grass wearing off.

"After the rain we've had this week, if we practiced up here today, there wouldn't be a blade

of grass left on that field (at NKU)," Toebben said.

At the same time, Schaeffer said he believes the field should not be used as a permanent replacement for the current field.

"This field is great, but I think for the future of NKU soccer, we need a field like this up on campus."

Toebben agrees. "The guys seem to like it (playing at Town and Country). It is a great recruiting tool. But I would like to see a new field at NKU someday."

NKU has played three games at Town and Country this season and plans to play more at the site next season.

The topic of whether NKU

will become a long-term tenant is something Toebben dismisses.

"I don't know. We haven't really discussed it that much," he said.

NKU Athletics Director Jane Meier said the topic warrants discussion.

"I think we would be shortsighted not to look at it. It is a state of the art facility. It is a beautiful place to play."

Meier said NKU would continue to use the field in the near future.

"Right now, it is more convenient for us to use his field because the sound system and scoreboards are already in place. He's been gracious enough to let us use his place for free," she said.

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- ACROSS
- 1. Bacon, for one
 - 5. On the ... '92 Ian Buchanan sitcom
 - 8. The Terrible ... '76 Lou Jacobi series
 - 9. Creek
 - 13. Role on Caroline in the City
 - 14. Clipper: 1949 Roddy McDowall film
 - 25. Woody's ex
 - 16. Orlando, for one
 - 17. Slimy creature
 - 18. Fill completely
 - 21. Friend for Brigitte Bardot
 - 22. Schindler's ... '93 Steven Spielberg movie
 - 25. A ... in the Life (1987-88)
 - 26. Suffix for wind or word
 - 27. Louise of Gilligan's Island
 - 28. Fleurt-de-
 - 34. Is Tom Jones (1969-71) musical variety series
 - 35. Columbo ... in Peace
 - 36. Mrs. Columbo: 1990 TV movie
 - 38. Word in the title of Sarah Michelle Gellar's series
 - 40. No. of sons for Jamie Buchman
 - 41. Bob Hope's age in 2003
 - 42. Sgt. Vince Carter's base
- DOWN
- 1. ... the Darndest Things
 - 2. Arden
 - 3. The ... Doornan Show
 - 4. '71 musical variety series
 - 5. WKRP-Cincinnati
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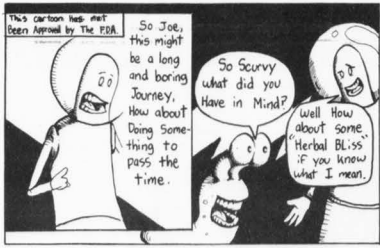
HOROSCOPE

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- Aries (March 21 - April 19)**
Life is busy, but it is important to keep in contact with your friends. Plan a gathering for the people you love most.
- Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**
There's no need to be shy about helping a relative in need. Your attitude at work is being closely monitored.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
You want to tell a secret to a friend, but it would be best to keep it to yourself. A lover's generosity surprises you in more ways than one.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**
If people have misinterpreted your actions, it is important that you quickly set them straight. Keep your mind focused on the task at hand.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**
If a friend cannot accept you the way you are, then they aren't worth your time. You are bright and talented and deserve better.
- Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**
This is one of those times when if you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all. You'll pay the price later if you speak out now.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Stop playing games with a loved one. Your duplicity is not appreciated. Be honest and sincere when trying to communicate your feelings.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
First impressions are important. Spruce up your wardrobe with some color and get a new hairstyle. When all else fails, a smile works wonders.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
A change at work makes your life a little more stressful. Relax in a hot bubble bath when you get home.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
If your independence in a relationship is being threatened, you need to do something about it. A financial matter needs your attention.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
It never hurts to widen your circle of friends. In fact, one of the new interesting people you meet might become more than a friend.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
You may want to hold off asking an important question until the other person is in a more agreeable mood.

Born this week:

- Oct. 18 - George C. Scott, Mike Duke
- Oct. 19 - John Lilgown, Evander Holyfield
- Oct. 20 - Tom Petty
- Oct. 21 - Eric Burdon
- Oct. 22 - Catherine Deneuve, Jeff Goldblum, Christopher Lloyd
- Oct. 23 - Johnny Carson
- Oct. 24 - P. Murray Abraham, Kevin Kline



CAMPUS CLIMATE

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 49 Low 34 Mostly cloudy today. Chance of rain is 41 percent.	High 47 Low 33 Mostly cloudy today. Chance of rain is 44 percent.	High 46 Low 28 Partly cloudy today. Chance of rain is 20 percent.
Saturday	Sunday	
High 53 Low 34 Partly sunny today. Chance of rain is 28 percent.	High 55 Low 35 Partly sunny today. Chance of rain is 24 percent.	

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